

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Construct New Boiler Plant VA Medical Center Chillicothe, Ohio

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the preparation and availability of a “Draft Environmental Assessment” (DEA) for the proposed construction associated with the new boiler plant, located at the VA Medical Center, Chillicothe, Ohio. This project will replace the existing boiler plant; construct a new boiler plant with biomass and co-generation, and install necessary supporting utility systems. The DEA has been prepared in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), (Public Law 91-190, 42 USC 4321-4347 January 1, 1970), amendments, and VA's Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26). VA intends to issue a “Finding of No Significant Impact” (FONSI) following a thirty day comment period in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA, Section 1508.13 providing there are no substantive comments which warrant further evaluation.

For further information and/or a copy of the DEA please contact the Public Affairs Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the following:

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